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Don McQuillan was born in Dundalk, Ireland. He is married with four children.

Education:

B.Sc. and M.Sc. in Mathematical Science, National University of Ireland, Galway. PhD in Mathematics, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA, under the direction of Professor J.I. Igusa.

Academic Posts held:

Lecturer in National University of Ireland, Galway, 1961-63

Professor of Mathematics, University of Wisconsin, Madison, USA, 1963-75

Professor of Mathematics, National University of Ireland, Dublin (UCD), 1975-99

Emeritus Professor, 1999 -

Head of the Mathematics Department (three terms) and Dean of Faculty (one term).

Visiting Positions:

University of Cambridge, England (NSF-funded Visiting Mathematician)

Université de Bordeaux, France (Professeur Associé)

Université de Caen, France (Professeur Associé)

University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA (Visiting Professor).

Mathematics Activities:

He has given invited lectures on his research in universities in France, Germany, Ireland, UK and USA. He has published widely in international mathematics journals, including the "American Journal of Mathematics" and "Journal fuer die reine und angewandte Mathematik".

Quality Assurance Activities:

From 2002 to 2005, Chief Executive of the Irish Universities Quality Board, and Assistant Director (Academic) of the Irish Universities Association.

From 1997 to 2002, Director of Quality Assurance in the National University of Ireland, Dublin (UCD). His remit included:

- Establishing a quality assurance system for the National University of Ireland Dublin (UCD) based on the Universities Act, 1997

- implementing the policies of the Academic Council Standing Committee on Quality, organising and monitoring the review of all aspects of the work of the University, advising the President on quality issues in the University.

He is a member of the Expert Pool of the European University Association. In this capacity he has participated in institutional reviews of universities in Italy, Portugal, Serbia, Lithuania, Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

On behalf of the New England Commission on Institutions of Higher Education he has been a member of institutional accreditation teams in Boston (as observer) and Lausanne.

He has acted as advisor to the government of Oman on quality issues in the technical colleges, and was recently invited to speak on quality issues by the Ministry of Education in Iceland.

He has acted as workshop rapporteur at the EUA Conventions in Graz (2003) and Glasgow (2005), and has been an invited participant in conferences organized by AUNP in Bangkok (2004) and Barcelona (2004)

Some recent papers on quality issues :

‘Quality Assurance in Europe with special reference to Irish Universities’, Keynote Paper, Tempus Slovak Conference, October 2001

‘EUA Evaluation and American Accreditation’, Keynote Paper, University of Warwick Seminar, November 2001

‘Quality Assurance in Irish Universities’, Keynote Paper, University of Crete Conference, January 2002.

‘Quality Assurance in Irish Universities’, Keynote Paper, Scandinavian Universities Conference, Karlstad, November 2003

‘The Irish Universities Quality Model in a European Context’, Keynote Paper, AUNP First Roundtable Conference, Bangkok, November 2003.